



# Indiana Department of Education

SUPPORTING STUDENT SUCCESS

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Superintendents

**FROM:** Gary Green  
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**SUBJECT:** Safe and Supportive Schools Funding Opportunity

The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools recently announced an opportunity for State Education Agencies to apply for funding to address the needs of high schools as it relates to a safe and supportive school climate. This funding opportunity is competitive and only 4-7 states will receive the funding. Indiana is eligible for up to \$6,000,000 during a four-year project. These funds are part of the initial steps in reworking the Safe and Drug-Free Schools program which was eliminated with the passage of the Federal fiscal year 2010 budget passed by Congress.

The application for this funding is due very soon, and it is our intent to apply if there is sufficient interest from Indiana school corporations to meet the minimum requirements. To move forward with the submission of a proposal, the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) must have an agreement to participate from enough school systems in the state to represent 20% of Indiana's total public school enrollment. Please review the requirements on the following page and complete the survey that can be found at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VVJ3HSM> no later than 9:00 a.m., Friday, July 30, 2010 to indicate your interest in participating in the project.

Please contact Jeff Barber at (317) 232-9143 or by email at [jbarber@doe.in.gov](mailto:jbarber@doe.in.gov) if you have any questions. If you would like to see the full Federal Register announcement, please go to <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/2010-16811.htm>.

**To be eligible to submit a proposal, IDOE must have the agreements from school corporations for the following activities:**

- The collection of survey data and incident data for grades 9-12 from participating LEAs that have a combined student enrollment of no less than 20 percent of the State's total student enrollment;
- The collection of the required survey data from all eligible schools in participating LEAs within the first 12 months of the project period and again during the final 12 months of the project period;
- The collection of the required survey data from each eligible school selected to implement programmatic interventions in each year of the project period;
- The collection of incident data (discipline that results in suspension and/or expulsion) from all eligible schools in participating LEAs in each year of the project period;
- The summarization of data in ways that can be used to engage school staff and families or guardians in discussions of the results;
- The allowance for a school safety score to be generated for each high school within the school corporation using both student survey data and incident data that is disaggregated by school building, within the first 12 months of the project period and again during the final 12 months of the project period;
- The allowance of the school safety score to be reported publicly for each high school in all participating school corporations after the first and fourth years of the project.

Out of all of the high schools participating in the collection and reporting of data, the schools which have the lowest safety scores will be eligible for programmatic interventions (funding and resources). The grant requires that a maximum of 20% of the participating schools receive programmatic interventions. Eighty percent of the funds in years 2, 3 and 4, received by the IDOE must be used to fund evidence-based programmatic interventions for the identified highest need schools (the 20% of the total participating high schools). The schools receiving programmatic interventions must agree to have their school safety score publicly reported each year of the project.